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C O N F I D E N T I A L CANBERRA 2628

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SREF, AS  
SUBJ: BOBBY ALLEN

REF: KUALA LUMPUR 2780 AND PREVIOUS

1. AT RECENT LUNCHEON MEETING WITH TWO OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND ETHNIC AFFAIRS, AUSTRALIANS EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER ACTIVITIES OF AMCIT BOBBY ALLEN IN INDOCHINESE REFUGEE CAMPS IN MALAYSIA/ THAILAND.
2. IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS RECENTLY RETURNED FROM MALAYSIA IDENTIFIED NEW ZEALAND COMPANION OF ALLEN AS PERSON NAMED GOTTHARD (FULL NAME UNKNOWN). OFFICER SAID THERE WERE REPORTS IN CAMPS THAT ALLEN WAS ASSISTING REFUGEES IN PREPARING BOATS FOR TRAVEL TO AUSTRALIA AND ALSO PROVIDING FUEL AND FOOD FOR JOURNEY, A MATTER OF OBVIOUS CONCERN TO GOA.
3. REFUGEES WHO ARRIVED IN AUSTRALIA ON BOARD VNSG 1028 HAVE TOLD AUSTRALIAN IMMIGRATION OFFICERS IN DARWIN THAT  
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ALLEN ASSISTED THEIR DEPARTURE FROM PULAU TENGAH CAMP. ACCORDING TO REFUGEES ALLEN USED BOAT SOS TO FERRY REFUGEES FROM CAMP TO THE VNSG 1028.

4. REPORT LENDS CREDENCE TO FEARS EXPRESSED BY AUSTRALIANS THAT ALLEN AT SOME POINT MIGHT DECIDE TO TRANSPORT REFUGEES FROM CAMPS TO AUSTRALIA. SHOULD SUCH A SITUATION

OCCUR IT WOULD CREATE SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND COULD HAVE DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON AUSTRALIAN REFUGEE PROGRAM.

5. CANBERRA STRONGLY SUPPORTS KUALALUMPUR SUGGESTION THAT ALLEN BE APPROACHED AND ENLIGHTENED ABOUT POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES OF HIS ACTIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, AS RESULT OF RECENT ARRIVAL OF REFUGEES FROM CAMPS IN MALAYSIA, GOA GAVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO RETURNING REFUGEES TO CAMPS, ADJUSTING ADMISSION NUMBERS, ETC. THUS ALLEN'S ACTION IN ASSISTING REFUGEES TO EFFECT ILLEGAL ENTRY INTO AUSTRALIA COULD HAVE DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON GOA REFUGEE PROGRAM AND CAUSE FURTHER HARDSHIP TO REFUGEES MOST IMMEDIATELY CONCERNED.  
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